

You are cordially invited to attend a  
**“Welcome to Austin”**  
gathering for  
Parks and Recreation Department Director

**Manuel A. Mollinedo**

Tuesday, May 22, 1990  
4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.  
Palmer Auditorium

**West Entrance**  
**400 South 1st Street**

**R.S.V.P.**  
**499-6736**



MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Board Members

**FROM:** Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

**DATE:** May 11, 1990

**SUBJECT:** Convention Center Design District Guidelines

The Convention Center design is being developed in two phases. The first is the development of the actual Convention Center Site Development Permit documents. These were approved by City Council last month. The second phase is the Convention Center Design District Guidelines, which are before you for your consideration on May 22.

The Design District Guidelines place the Convention Center in its urban context, by describing the previous planning studies that have been done for the area, and by recommending needed urban design projects. The study is very mindful of the parkland in that part of downtown, and of the recommendations of the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan. Among the priority projects recommended are the development of a streetscape on Trinity Street, connecting Town Lake to Sixth Street, and development of a streetscape on First Street, from Waller Creek to Congress Avenue. Both these projects are recommended in the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan. In addition, the redevelopment of Brush Square, Waller Creek, and Palm Park is recommended. Finally, the development of a new park is recommended across Red River Street from the Convention Center.

**Staff Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Austin Convention Center Design District Guidelines be endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board  
FROM: Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: April 17, 1990

SUBJECT: Sale of 3.2 Acres of the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery to the Covenant Presbyterian Church

The Covenant Presbyterian Church initiated discussions with the Parks and Recreation Department in December, 1988, concerning the possible acquisition of adjacent cemetery lands for parking lot expansion. Their latest request is attached for your information. After extensive review, it has been determined that the sale of 3.2 acres of the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery would be in the best interest of both the church and the Northwest Recreation Center. The recreation center, with only 56 parking spaces, is in dire need of additional parking capacity. This transaction would alleviate this problem; otherwise, the Parks and Recreation Department has no funding for parking lot construction.

The first step in this process would be to "undedicate" that portion of the cemetery which is now dedicated (Lot 12). According to state law (Title 26, Article 912a-11), before dedicated cemetery land can be leased or sold, the City Council must petition the Travis County District Court to remove the dedicated cemetery status of the land. Not all of the 3.2 acres is dedicated, only Lot 12.

The following conditions are recommended as a part of the sales transaction:

- 1) The church must pay the appraised value of the 3.2 acres, as well as all costs associated with the sale of the land.
- 2) If at some point in the future, the church elects to sell this property, the City of Austin will get the first option to acquire the property at the original price.
- 3) The church will pay the cost of surveying burial lots and filing with the county clerk another portion of the cemetery to become dedicated cemetery to replace Lot 12.
- 4) The deed will have provisions to insure unrestricted access to the new parking area by users of the Northwest Recreation Center.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

*Manuel A. Mollinedo*  
Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director

March 20, 1990

Advisory Board  
Parks and Recreation Department  
City of Austin

Dear Parks and Recreation Board:

Covenant Presbyterian Church wishes to purchase 3.2 acres of land from the adjacent city-owned Austin Memorial Park Cemetery for the purpose of constructing a parking lot.

The parking lot is necessary because:

1. On Sunday mornings the current church and Northwest Recreation Center lots are full and church members are parking in the neighborhood across Northland Drive.
2. A similar situation occurs during the week when church activities run concurrently with Northwest Recreation Center activities.
3. Covenant Presbyterian Church is experiencing rapid growth, which is only aggravating the situation.

The new lot is designed to tie in directly with Northwest Recreation Center, allowing for enhanced traffic flow for both facilities. It is the intention of Covenant Presbyterian Church to continue to provide Northwest Recreation center with adequate parking at no charge for all of their functions.

The proposed construction plan for the parking lot has undergone a "Process Review" by the city staff. There were no comments received that would prohibit the project from being completed or add prohibitive costs to it.

We at Covenant Presbyterian Church request the support of the Parks and Recreation Board in our efforts to have the subject land "undedicated" for cemetery use so that it may be purchased from the City of Austin.

Sincerely,

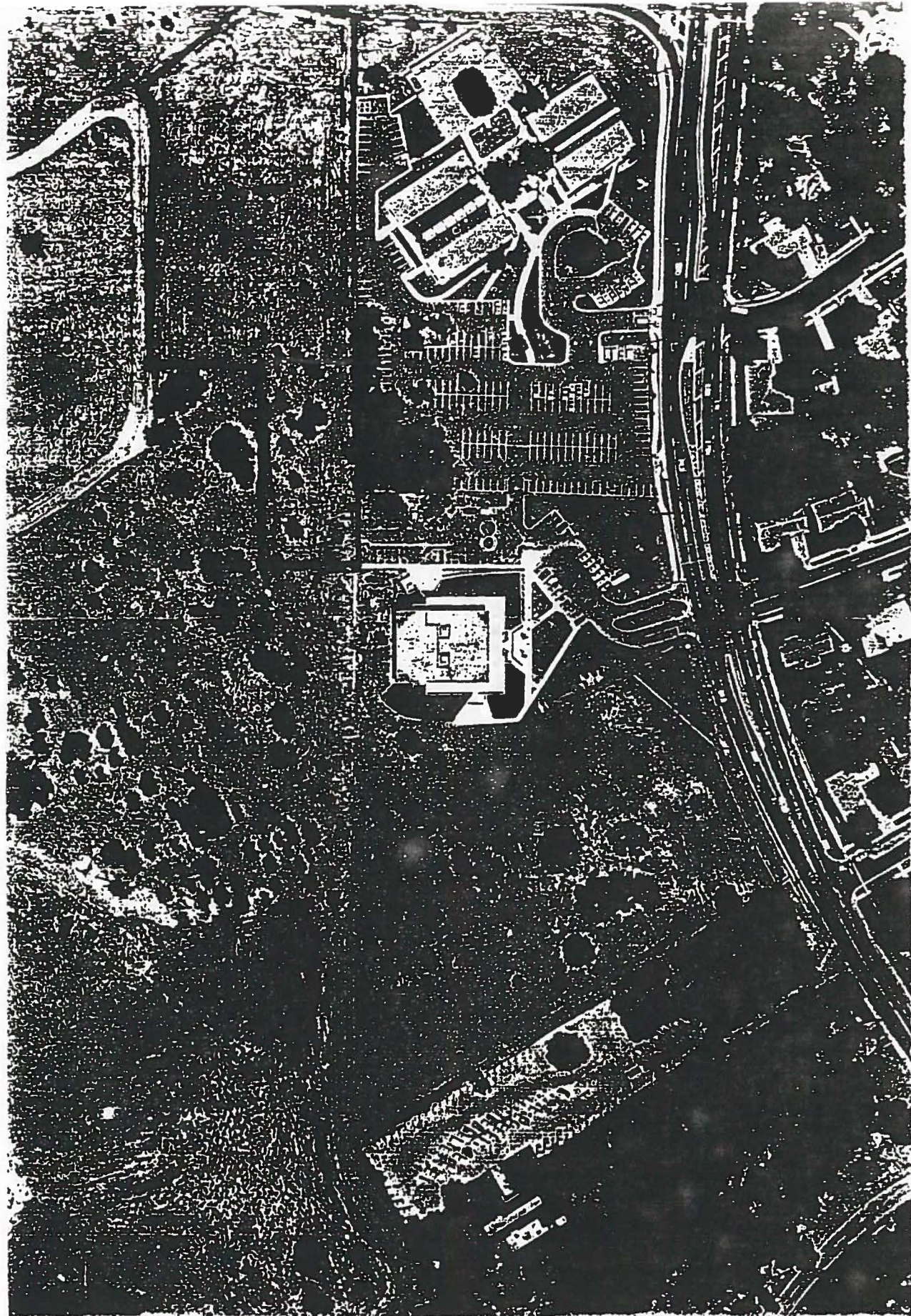


George Manson  
Chairman, Long-Range Planning Committee

Enclosures:

Aerial photo  
Proposed layout  
Process review  
Letter from Northwest Recreation Center  
Letter from Allendale Neighborhood Association  
Covenant's Contributions to the Austin Community







MANUAL CRANE

CEVANT INTERMEDIARY CHURCH

CRSTUM PARKING



LEWISTON RECREATION CENTER

EXISTING PARKING

PLAYGROUND  
ELEVATION  
10' x 20'

20' x 20'

240'

20 AC PAVED  
18 AC GRASS  
92 AC TOTAL  
210 PARKING SPACES





## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

**FROM:** Raúl Calderón, Assistant City Attorney

**DATE:** May 16, 1990

**SUBJECT:** Sale of Cemetery Land

### **SUMMARY OF OPINION**

The sale of land by the City must be by public bid unless excepted by statute. No exception appears applicable. The City may not condition a sale on public bid such that only one bidder may take advantage of the sale. The City may lease out the property on a long-term basis; such a lease would require that the current dedication to cemetery use be removed. The City Council may designate the use of revenues to be received from the sale of the land in question.

### **QUESTIONS PRESENTED**

May the City sell cemetery land, once the dedication has been removed, to the adjoining property owner without public bidding?

Would a long-term lease of the property require removal of the dedication to cemetery use?

Can funds from the sale be dedicated to cemetery purposes?

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **PUBLIC SALE**

Chapter 272 of the Local Government Code imposes on the City a duty to sell land under public bid. Of several exceptions to the requirement is the sale of narrow strips or small or odd-shaped tracts of land which cannot be used independently. (Chapter 272.001 (b) (1)). The acreage intended for sale (3.2 acres) does not appear to qualify for the exception. The other exceptions do not appear to apply to the circumstances of the proposed sale.

The City may condition the sale of property to the extent that public bidding is not deterred. Conditions such that only select bidders, as a practical matter, are likely to be interested in the property would likely be viewed as a circumvention of the requirements of Chapter 272 and the sale would be subject to legal challenge.

#### LONG-TERM LEASING

The City is not prevented from entering into a long-term lease with an adjoining property owner under mutually advantageous terms. The terms of the lease may be negotiated such that the City may enjoy the use of a parking facility to be built by the adjoining property owner. Under § 711.035 (f) of V.T.C.A. Health and Safety Code "dedicated cemetery property shall be used exclusively for cemetery purposes until the dedication is removed by court order...". To avoid any uncertainty in using the land for a parking facility, the removal of its designation for cemetery purposes will be required.

#### DESIGNATION OF FUNDS

It is within the discretion of the City Council to designate the use of any revenues that could be realized from the sale of the acreage in question, as the property was purchased with general fund monies and as there appear to be no requirements that the revenues be returned to any special fund or account. Such a designation could provide for the use of the revenues for cemetery-related purposes.

Prepared by: Raúl Calderón  
Raúl Calderón, Assistant City Attorney

Reviewed by: Mitzi Cotton  
Mitzi Cotton, Supervising Attorney

Approved by: Iris J. Jones  
Iris J. Jones, City Attorney

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Board Members

**FROM:** Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

**DATE:** May 11, 1990

**SUBJECT:** Mary Moore Searight Park: Slaughter Creek  
Wastewater Interceptor, Phase B Permanent  
Wastewater and Temporary Construction Easement

A request has been received from the Circle C Municipal Utility District for a permanent 20 feet wide subsurface wastewater easement and a temporary access and construction easement of approximately 5.1 acres to allow the construction of Phase 2 of the Slaughter Creek Wastewater Interceptor through part of Mary Moore Searight Park.

This request was considered by the Board at their meetings held on January 23, February 27 and March 27, 1990 and a recommendation deferred to allow additional information to be provided. Staff from the City's Parks and Recreation, Legal, Water and Wastewater, and Public Works Departments and representatives from the Municipal Utility District and their Engineers have met to discuss the alignment of the temporary access easements and the requirements for restoration.

Meetings have also taken place with staff from the Environmental and Conservation Services (ECS) Department. The ECS Department (under a previous name) reviewed the project in its conceptual stage some years ago. At that time it was proposed to construct the line as open cut, which would require a cleared swath at least 100' wide through the heavily wooded areas adjacent to the creek. The ECS Department, with the support of the Environmental Board at that time, required that the line be constructed as a tunnel to substantially reduce environmental damage to the creek and the riparian habitats adjacent to the creek.

The construction of this sewer line is a joint project between the Municipal Utility District and the City of Austin. The City has an agreement with the MUD to increase the size of the line, which would serve not only the MUD service area, but the City's anticipated future needs for sewerage in this watershed. In this instance, the City's participation amounts to 91.4% of the contract revenue bonds.

The proposed sewer line will connect the existing sewerage system serving the Circle C development to the City's main drainage system. It is also designed to serve the Texas Oaks subdivision, adjacent to the park, which is currently served by two lift stations and a package treatment plant. The treatment plant discharges treated effluent into Little Slaughter Creek which runs through the middle of the park.

The sewer line along this section of Slaughter Creek will be constructed in tunnel. This allows the sewer line to pass under the creek, to serve both north and south banks, without disturbing the creek banks and bed.

Through the park approximately 590 feet of the proposed line will be in tunnel. To allow for tunnel construction an access shaft will need to be located within the park. The shaft will be used as access to the tunnel for men, equipment and machinery and for the removal of excavated soil from the tunnel.

The shaft is located in a wooded area at the most southerly extreme of Mary Moore Searight Park, which is approximately 2 miles from Slaughter Lane and at least 1/2 mile from the nearest usable public road. At present this park is completely undeveloped and without any roads suitable for construction traffic.

To enable construction traffic to reach the location of the shaft, a temporary access road must be provided. After the original proposal was received, a new alignment was selected for the access road to reduce its length. The proposed alignment now follows the boundary between the undeveloped park and the part of the park that is open to the public at present. The access road will be securely fenced to prevent park users from gaining access.



This road must be of sufficient width and strength to withstand heavy construction traffic. To protect the existing topsoil from compaction by vehicles it is recommended that the topsoil be removed from the alignment of the access road within the undeveloped area of the park and stockpiled to be replaced after the project is complete. Within the developed area, the topsoil has already been disturbed from previous construction. In order to protect the subsoil from compaction and damage, particularly during wet weather, the road through the undeveloped area of the park should have an all-weather surface of road base or similar material. On completion of the project, the road base material should be removed and topsoil replaced over all the temporary easement area prior to revegetation.

Construction of the shaft, the associated staging areas and the access road require the removal of eight trees in excess of 8" diameter as well as Cedar trees and other underbrush. A tree survey and evaluation have been carried out to calculate the value of the trees to be removed.

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the following easements through part of Mary Moore Searight Park, subject to the conditions listed below:

- (a) Permanent Wastewater Easement, 20 feet wide x approximately 590 feet long, 0.2702 acres.
- (b) Temporary Construction Easements, 50 feet wide x approximately 2,700 feet, 5.1 acres.

#### Conditions

1. The permanent and temporary easements and conditions listed below shall be included in the construction contract documents.
2. All construction within the park comply with the requirements of the "Construction in Parks" guidelines, except as noted below.

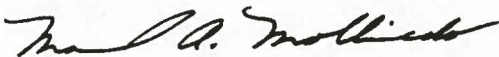
3. On completion of construction, all areas disturbed by the construction are to be restored and revegetated to the standard specifications, subject to the final inspection and approval of Circle C MUD #3, Environmental and Conservation Services Department, Parks and Recreation Department and Public Works Construction Inspection Division.
4. Revegetation of the undeveloped area of the park shall consist of planting grass mix and wildflowers in accordance with Appendix A attached. The developed area of the park shall be planted with Bermuda grass in accordance with Sec. 6.1(E)3 "Construction in Parks" guidelines
5. Tree replacements, to compensate for those removed, shall consist of new trees with an equivalent caliper inch measurement. Six trees, with an estimated value of \$23,799 and a combined measurement of 90 caliper inches according to the City Arborist, are subject to removal and must be replaced with an equivalent 90 caliper inches. The City Arborist, in concert with the project engineer, has determined that two of the six trees might be saved with proper protection methods. If, after project completion, the two trees survive, the replacement requirement will be 60 caliper inches. Replacements shall be 75% Class 1 (large) trees and 25% Class 1 (small) or Class 2 trees, in accordance with the Replacement Planting section of the "Construction in Parks" guidelines and the City's Environmental Criteria Manual. Locations shall be established by PARD.
6. Maintenance and establishment of grasses and wildflowers shall be in accordance with Item #3 above, and in accordance with "Construction in Parks" guidelines Section 6.2.E for Landscape Planting. Watering of newly planted trees shall be 50 gallons per week for the period of establishment.
7. The existing topsoil shall be removed from the undeveloped area of the park before construction of the access road and staging areas, stockpiled on site and restored to the disturbed areas after construction. An all weather access road shall be constructed with



roadbase or similar material through the undeveloped areas of the park. On completion of construction, the access road shall be removed and the areas restored in accordance with #3 above. Roadbase material can be stockpiled on site for use by PARD.

8. The access road through the developed area of the park shall be securely fenced at all times to prevent unauthorized access by users of the park. Fencing can be by means of chainlink or high visibility security fence.
9. During construction (and if necessary remain after the project is completed) a vandal resistant gate, to be approved by PARD, shall be provided at construction accesses to both the developed and undeveloped parts of the park to prevent unauthorized vehicular entry.
10. The temporary access easements shall terminate on completion and acceptance of the restoration and revegetation by the Parks and Recreation Department, and acceptance of the project by the City of Austin.

On Point 5, I am recommending tree replacements according to the current requirements of the City's Land Development Code, which call for an equivalent caliper inch replacement formula. In contrast, the revised guidelines adopted recently as Parks Board policy require an equivalent square inch replacement. I am bound to respect the existing Code requirements as the basis of my recommendation. Additionally, I find the caliper inch method acceptable in view of the applicant's willingness to preserve the riparian forest by using an underground tunnel rather than open trench construction, and his commitment to ensure survival of the trees with a suitable irrigation system.



Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

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Sierra Club recommends  
native plants, no weeds, limited time agmt., cash bond for restoration

**M E M O R A N D U M**

*Consider as concession, do RFP, after approval of Concession policy*

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Board Members

**FROM:** Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department *RFP*

**DATE:** May 11, 1990

**SUBJECT:** Barton Springs Garden

The owners of the Majestic Diner, a restaurant under construction on Barton Springs Road, have proposed developing a demonstration garden on approximately two acres of parkland adjacent to the Town Lake hike and bike trail, north of Barton Springs Road, on the east bank of Barton Creek (see attachment A). The Garden, as proposed, would be privately developed and maintained. It would be open to the public as an educational display garden, much like the gardens presently existing at the Zilker Botanical Gardens (see attachment B). Part of the produce from the Garden would be donated to the Capital Area Food Bank.

No particular development is shown in that area in the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan. The area (S-3 in the Town Lake Park Ordinance) is designated as a cultural park, suitable for "the location of cultural facilities (such as museums, botanical gardens and performance areas)" (Section 13-2-228.1). The Waterfront Planning Advisory Board has reviewed the proposal, but, because no Site Development Permit has been submitted, has taken no formal action.

After review of the proposal and consultation with the gentlemen making the proposal, PARD offers the following recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The proposed Barton Springs Garden is an appropriate use of the parkland at the proposed location, if the following conditions are met:



1. The Garden must be fully developed and maintained to the standards of the Parks and Recreation Department, and subject to immediate removal if those standards are not maintained.
2. The development and maintenance of the Garden must be entirely privately funded, with no financial, including labor, contribution from the City of Austin.
3. Garden development must comply with the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan Design Manual.
4. An educational program must be conducted at the Garden, to ensure the greatest possible benefit to the public.
5. All produce from the Garden must be designated for use by a public agency, such as the Capital Area Food Bank, with no produce designated for private use.
6. Development of the Garden must be reviewed by the adjoining neighborhood associations.

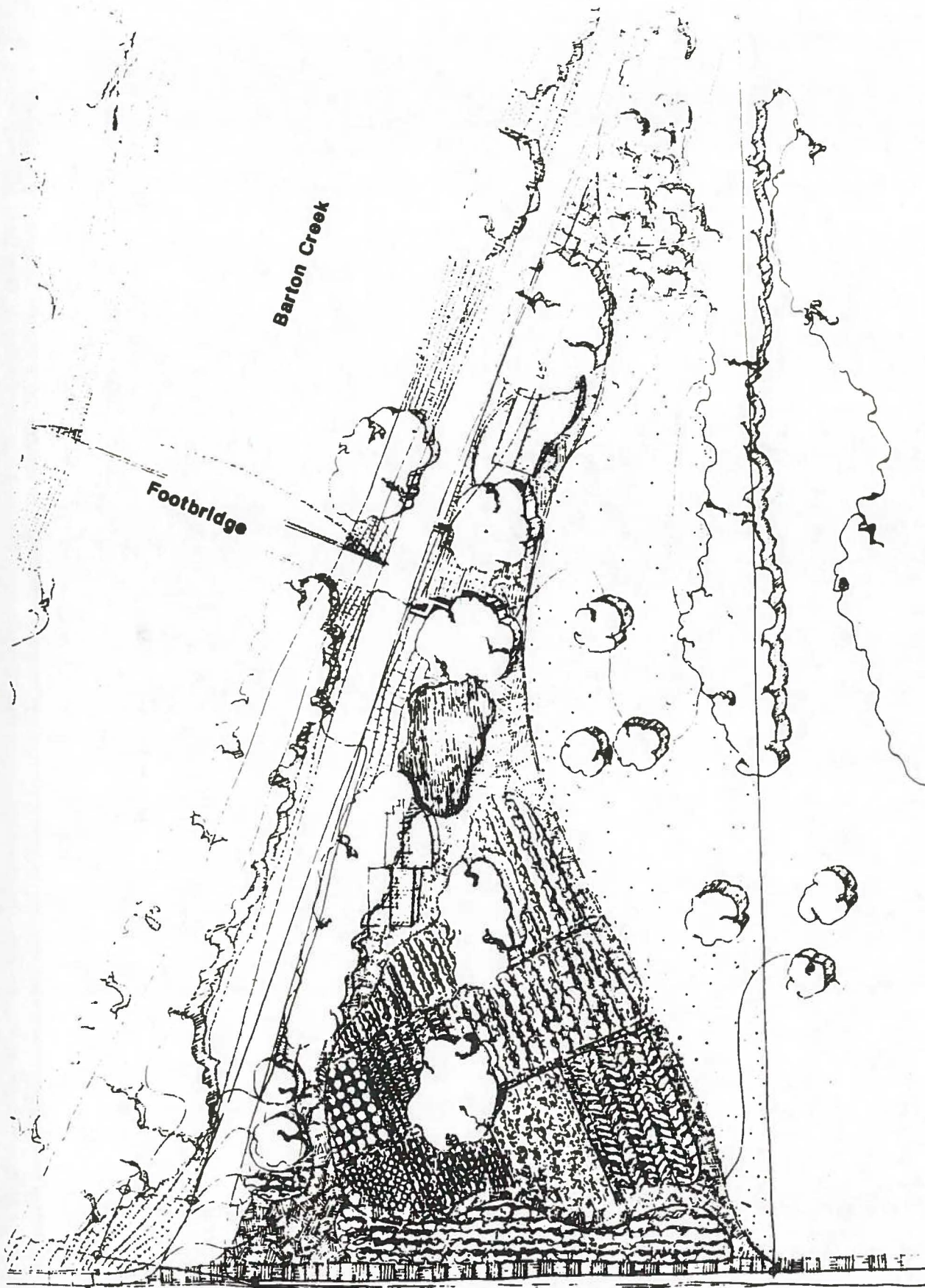
Please let me know if you have any questions.



Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

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Attachments



Barton Springs Road

# BARTON SPRINGS GARDEN

STUDIO TEX  
3906 BECKER AVE  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78751  
512-451-2417



## BARTON CREEK GARDENS

Created and maintained by the Majestic Diner

- with the cooperation of the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department.

### PURPOSE

To utilize approximately 2 acres of unused City of Austin park land in order to create a public-use organic demonstration garden to illustrate the following agricultural principles, practices, and methods:

- raised-bed construction/layout in the french-intensive method
- organic mulching
- principles of composting
- different systems of drip-irrigation
- integrated pest management (organic)
- xeriscape and native plant landscaping
- development of alternative agriculture varieties and principles
- development of cut-flower, perennial, and bulb gardening as a cottage industry
- native wildflower meadow (hopefully with help of National Wildflower Research Center)
- aquaculture pond
- beekeeping
- winter cover crops for Austin area gardens
- use of conifers as windbreaks for energy conservation (especially afghan pine and leyland cypress)

### MAINTENANCE

These systems to be maintained by the Majestic Diner with design and development help provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Austin Men's Organic Gardening Club, Chris Winslow and the Greenhouses of Marbridge foundation, The National Wildflower Research Foundation, and John Dromgoole of Gardenville. As soon as the soil can be proven to be toxin and chemical free we will seek organic certification from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The Gardens will be designed and maintained to benefit and educate the Austin community. The paths and separate areas will be labled so as to be self-guiding to enable the public to appreciate and learn at the same time. We plan to enlist volunteers from the Organic Garden Club (and other clubs if possible) to lead guided tours for groups of Austin school children. They can tour the

Zilker Garden Center and the Barton Creek Gardens in the same trip with refreshments provided by the Majestic Diner. They can learn about gardening in general and specifically organic gardening and hopefully develop an early appreciation for the environment. We plan on donating one-fourth of the produce grown to the Capital Area Food Bank. The gardens will provide a place of colorful beauty and tranquility to frame the east entrance into Zilker Park and the bridge entrance of the hike and bike trail.

Some sort of unobtrusive decorative fence would be built to provide minimal security after normal park hours and keep dogs, vandals, etc. out. Several deck and bench areas will be provided for resting and comfortable seating. A unisex outdoor shower would be provided next to the hike and bike trail if possible.

The Majestic Diner will develop and maintain the gardens at our cost, with any help the parks department can provide, i.e., initial land clearing and some leveling, electricity, water and wastewater, and normal park security.

#### CONTINUITY

In the unlikely event that we would be forced to abandon the project, we would guarantee another party to take it over, or dismantle any structures on site, level to its original condition, and re-seed with bermuda grass and/or wildflowers.





# City of Austin

Founded by Congress, Republic of Texas, 1839

Municipal Building, Eighth at Colorado, P.O. Box 1088, Austin, Texas 78767 Telephone 312 499-2111

February 16, 1990

Chris Shirley & Mick Vann  
The Majestic Diner  
1804 Barton Springs Road  
Austin, Texas 78704

Dear Mr. Shirley & Mr. Vann;

We appreciate your interest in developing an ornamental and educational garden on the 2 acres of parkland immediately north of Barton Springs Road and immediately east of Barton Creek. As we discussed, such a garden must be of clear educational and recreational benefit to the public. Examples of gardens with a similar purpose are the various privately developed gardens in the Zilker Botanical Garden. In addition, because the Parks and Recreation Department is currently pressed to maintain the land and facilities that we have, the garden development must place no additional demands on PARD, in terms of labor or expense.

The following concerns about the project have been raised by PARD employees in their review of the project:

1. Public Benefit The garden should operate strictly as a educational demonstration garden, and should not supply produce to the restaurant.
2. Education An educational program should be developed for the garden, analogous to that of the Xeriscape garden at the Zilker Botanical Gardens.
3. Security Vandalism is a major concern in the park. The site needs to be secure enough to be maintainable, during both daylight and dark.
4. Fencing Part of the security required will likely be some sort of edge control; either fencing, planting or topographic barriers. All such perimeter control must be in accordance with design standards for Town Lake Park.

5. Parking No parking can be made available on parkland for people frequenting the garden.

6. Appearance The garden needs to be well designed and maintained, and offer a well-kept public appearance to park users.

7. Liability Assuming no produce from the garden is consumed in the restaurant, only general liability insurance in the amount of \$500,000 will be required. Were produce from the garden to be consumed in the restaurant, product liability insurance would be required as well, as it is for all food concessions in the park.

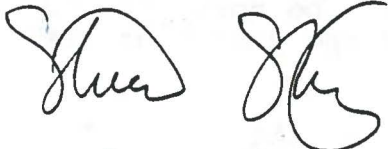
8. Erosion Because of the proximity to Barton Creek and the hike and bike trail, great care needs to be taken to prevent erosion from the site in general and garden beds in particular.

9. Utilities There is presently no water tap available on the site, and PARD cannot pay for the purchase of a tap.

10. Removal In case the garden is not successful, a bond needs to be provided to ensure the City that money is available to restore the site to its previous condition. Further, should an agreement be developed for the construction and maintenance of the garden, it will not be transferable.

I would appreciate your response to these issues by Monday, February 26, preferably in a meeting at our office. Please call me at 499-6766 or Carolyn Kelley (499-6764) to schedule a time.

The Land and Facilities Committee of the Parks and Recreation Board will be meeting at 5 p.m. February 27, and will consider your proposal at that time. Please contact me if you have any questions.



Stuart Strong, Program Manager  
Parks and Recreation Department

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MAJESTIC DINER  
1806 BARTON SPRINGS ROAD  
AUSTIN, TX 78704

FEB. 28, 1990  
BARTON SPRINGS GARDENS

RESPONSE TO CONCERNS OF STEWART STRONG AND P.A.R.D. STAFF

1. PUBLIC BENEFIT:

A. EDUCATION:

1. FULL TIME GARDENER SUPPLEMENTED WITH VOLUNTEERS HELPERS FROM GARDEN CLUBS ON-SITE TO EXPLAIN CONCEPTS AND TECHNIQUES IN-PERSON.
2. PASSIVE SYSTEM OF SELF-EXPLANATORY HANDOUTS FOR PUBLIC TO TAKE HOME WITH THEM ILLUSTRATING METHODS, TECHNOLOGY, PRINCIPLES.
3. PROVIDE FULL ACCESS TO ALL EDUCATIONAL GROUPS IN TOWN - SCHOOL SYSTEM, PRIVATE SCHOOLS, CIVIC GROUPS, GARDEN CLUBS, YOUTH GROUPS, SENIOR CITIZEN-RETIREMENT GROUPS.
4. WORKSHOPS (HANDS-ON ILLUSTRATION AND TRAINING)
5. P.A.R.D. & T.D.A. CAN USE TO ILLUSTRATE METHODS TO THEIR STAFFS AT NO COST TO DEPTS.
6. AVAILABILITY OF SMALL-SCALE RESEARCH PLOTS FOR USE BY THE CITY, UNIV. OF TEXAS. AND TEXAS DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE.
7. ILLUSTRATIONS OF FEASIBILITY OF ORGANIC METHODS FOR PROFESSIONAL GROUPS, IE: LANDSCAPERS, CIVIL ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS.

B. FOOD PROVIDED TO CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK AND H.O.B.O.

C. BEAUTIFYING THE ENTRANCE TO ZILKER PARK WITH A WELL-

2  
MAINTAINED, ORDERED, UNIFIED AND COLORFUL GARDEN  
SYSTEM.

D. PROJECT HAS POTENTIAL TO BE SHINING MODEL OF HOW  
PUBLIC-PRIVATE COMMUNITY-ORIENTED VENTURES CAN  
SUCCEED AND BENEFIT BOTH PARTIES AT NO COST TO THE  
PUBLIC.

E. PROVIDES AN INTERESTING FEATURE ALONG THE HIKE AND  
BIKE TRAIL THAT ADHERES TO THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF  
THE TOWN LAKE MASTER PLAN.

F. COVERED DECKS PROVIDE SHADE AND SHELTER ALONG HIKE  
AND BIKE TRAIL IN AN ATTRACTIVE SETTING WITH  
COMFORTABLE SEATING AVAILABLE.

2. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM - PROGRAM TO BE DEVELOPED WITH  
INPUT FROM TEX. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, A.I.S.D., JOHN  
DROMGOOLE, P.A.R.D., NATIONAL WILDFLOWER RESEARCH CENTER,  
AUSTIN NATURE CENTER AND BAT CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL.

A. WORKSHOPS TO BE CONDUCTED ON A REGULAR, ON-GOING BASIS  
OVER A VARIETY OF TOPICS WITH ADVANCE PUBLICITY.

B. PLANTS, TREES, ETC. WILL BE LABELED WITH COMMON AND  
BOTANICAL NAMES WITH A MASTER LOG AVAILABLE CONTAINING ALL  
INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THEIR CULTURE.

C. A.I.S.D. FIELD TRIPS - CAN COORDINATE TRIPS WITH ZILKER  
GARDEN CENTER SO KIDS CAN SEE BOTH GARDENS IN ONE TRIP.  
REFRESHMENTS TO BE PROVIDED BY MAJESTIC DINER. KIDS  
CAN LEARN ABOUT GARDENING IN GENERAL AND SPECIFICALLY  
ORGANIC GARDENING AND HOPEFULLY DEVELOP AN APPRECIATION



OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE EFFECT OF CHEMICALS ON THE FOOD CHAIN, DANGERS OF PESTICIDE RUN-OFF TO WATERWAYS, ETC.

- D. MAPS OF THE SELF-GUIDED TOUR PROVIDED AT GATEWAYS - INDIVIDUAL TOPICS TO HAVE SEPERATE SHEETS AVAIL. TO TAKE WITH THEM.
  - E. COMPOSTING DEMONSTRATION AREA TO TEACH PUBLIC DIFFERENT METHODS OF COMPOSTING AND NEED FOR COMPOSTING (WILL CUT DOWN ON LAND-FILL REQUIREMENTS OF CITY)
  - F. XERISCAPED AREAS ALONG THE HIKE AND BIKE TRAILS TO ILLUSTRATE EXISTING XERISCAPE PROGRAM IN AN AREA WITH HIGH PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC THAT,S EASILY ACCESSIBLE.
3. SECURITY - PRIMARY CONCERN TO BE SENSITIVE TO SECURITY VS. ASSESSIBILITY - PROBLEM OF VANDALISM TO BE ADDRESSED THROUGH:
- A. EDGE CONTROL:
    - 1. FENCING (DETAILED IN FOLLOWING TEXT)
    - 2. BOTANICAL CONTROLS, EDIBLE AND NON-EDIBLE, IE. YUCCA, PYRACANTHA, BLACKBERRIES, PRICKLY PEAR AND JUJUBE.
    - 3. TOPOGRAPHIC BARRIERS- UTILIZE NATURAL SLOPE ALONG THE HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL.
  - B. HOURS OF OPERATION TO BE POSTED AT EACH ENTRANCE. TO BE OPEN FROM 9A.M. TIL DUSK, 7 DAYS A WEEK, CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY, NEW YEARS DAY AND THANKSGIVING DAY.
  - C. LIGHTING - FLOODLIGHTS TO BE PLACED AT EACH ENTRANCE AND ALONG KEY PATHWAYS WITHIN THE GARDEN WITH

- PHOTOSENSITIVE CELL AND INFRARED MOTION SENSORS.
- D. LOCKS AT EACH GATE, WITH SENSORS WHICH CAN BE MONITORED FROM THE DINER AFTER DUSK.
  - E. PROXIMITY TO MAJOR ARTERIAL (BARTON SPRINGS RD.) WILL DETER ACTIVITY ON SOUTH SIDE AND ENABLE A.P.D. TO MONITER PERIODICALLY. PROFILE ALONG BARTON SPRINGS ROAD WILL BE KEPT LOW TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE LINE OF SIGHT INTO THE GARDEN.
  - F. NORMAL P.A.R.D.-PARK RANGER PATROLS
  - G. DONATING A PORTION OF PRODUCE TO H.O.B.O. WILL HELP TO CREATE A HANDS-OFF POLICY WITHIN THE TRANSIENT/HOMELESS POPULATION.
  - H. POSSIBILITY OF TRIP-WIRES WITH BELLS OR BUZZER AND/OR PRESSURE PAD WITH BUZZER ALONG MAJOR PATHWAYS WITHIN GARDEN, OR ELECTRIC FENCE AROUND VEGETABLE AREA TO BE ACTIVATED AT NITE ONLY.
4. FENCING - REQUIREMENTS: TO PROVIDE SECURITY, YET BE DECORATIVE AND UNOBTRUSIVE. (EXPECIALLY ALONG BARTON SPRINGS RD. AND HIKE AND BIKE TR.). UTILIZING COMBINATION OF FENCING, BOTANICAL BARRIERS AND TOPOGRAPHY TO OBTAIN THESE GOALS. DESIGN TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH DESIGN STANDARDS FOR TOWN LAKE PARK AND SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE WATERFRONT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD.
- A. FENCES:
- 1. ALONG BARTON SPRINGS RD. AND HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL A TAKE OFF ON JAPANESE/ZEN DESIGNS. USING SMALL CEDAR LIMBS INSTEAD OF BAMBOO, LASHED TO CEDAR POST FRAME,



IN COMB. WITH BOTANICALS AND TOPOGRAPHY.

2. ON THE EAST AND NORTH A CONVENTIONAL 6' STOCK FENCE SHOULD SUFFICE, SUPPLEMENTED WITH BOTANICAL PLANTINGS.

B. BOTANICAL BARRIERS:

1. EDIBLE BLACKBERRIES, JUJUBES, PRICKLY PEAR, ETC.
2. NON-EDIBLE, PRIMARILY XERISCAPE ITEMS: YUCCAS, AGARITA, HOLLIES, HONEY MESQUITE, ETC.
3. VINES - HONEYSUCKLES, JASMINES, CYPRESSVINE, HOPS, GRAPES, AKEBIA VINE, ETC.
4. CONIFERS COMBINED WITH STOCK FENCE.

C. TOPOGRAPHICAL:

1. SLOPE ON WEST SIDE BY THE HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL.
2. DRY OR WET "MOAT" BETWEEN PERENNIAL BEDS AND FENCE ALONG BARTON SPRINGS ROAD.

5. PARKING: THE MAJESTIC DINER CAN NOT PROVIDE ON-SITE PARKING AT OUR LOCATION. THE MAJESTIC DINER MEETS MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS OF CITY OF AUSTIN AS IS.

STREET PARKING ALONG STERZING & TOOMEY IS AVAILABLE. CITY BUS ROUTE # 30 PASSES BY THE SITE. IT'S ACCESSIBLE FROM THE HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL FOR PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE OTHER RESTAURANT MANAGERS ALONG BARTON SPRINGS RD. TO TRY AND GET CAPITOL METRO TO EXTEND THE DILLO ROUTE FROM THE AUDITORIUM, ALONG BARTON SPRINGS RD., THRU THE SWIMMING POOL PARKING LOT, THEN BACK TO THE AUDITORIUM. THIS WOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE PARK AND RIDE CAPABILITY FOR THE GARDENS AND

HELP ALLEVIATE THE PARKING PROBLEM AT THE POOL DURING THE SWIMMING SEASON.

6. APPEARANCE: THE GARDENS WILL BE MAINTAINED TO THE LEVEL SET BY THE GARDENS IN THE ZILKER GARDEN CENTER. A PROFESSIONAL, FULL-TIME GARDENER WILL BE HIRED. THE BEST PROFESSIONAL GARDENERS AND AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS IN THE AUSTIN AREA WILL ASSIST US IN THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF THE GARDENS (SEE LETTERS), AS WELL AS UTILIZING THE EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF MICK AND CHRIS. CAREFUL ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO COLOR, BALANCE AND ORDER IN THE DESIGN PROCESS. INTERCROPPING AND COMPANION PLANTING WILL BE USED, ESPECIALLY IN THE VEGETABLE BEDS, TO MAKE THE GARDEN MORE ATTRACTIVE.
7. LIABILITY: THE MAJESTIC DINER WILL PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN PRODUCT LIABILITY INSURANCE TO COVER CONSUMPTION OF PRODUCE FROM THE GARDENS IN OUR RESTAURANT. WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE.
8. EROSION: GREAT CARE WILL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT ANY EROSION INTO BARTON CREEK OR THE HIKE & BIKE TRAIL. WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO IMPROVE THE SOIL QUALITY OF OUR BEDS, ONLY TO HAVE THEM WASH AWAY. WALKWAYS WILL BE COMPOSED OF SHREDDED WOOD FROM LOCAL ARBORISTS, AND ALL BEDS WILL BE HEAVILY MULCHED TO PREVENT RUNOFF. WE WANT ALL RAIN TO SOAK-IN SLOWLY AND MULCHING AIDS THIS PROCESS.



9. UTILITIES:

A. ELECTRICITY IS AVAILABLE CURRENTLY AT A POLE LOCATED ON PROPERTY LINE BETWEEN PARD PROPERTY AND GOFF, ET. AL. PROPERTY. HOPEFULLY CITY ELECTRIC DEPT. CAN WAVE HOOK-UP COSTS AND DEPOSITS IN EXCHANGE FOR OUR CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT. THE MAJESTIC DINER COULD COVER THESE COSTS AS A LAST RESORT.

B. WATER: WITH A WATER TAP COSTING APPROX. \$7500.00 THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE APPEARS TO BE A WELL, OR PUMPING FROM BARTON CREEK. AT PRESENT NO CLEAR - CUT BOUNDARY EXISTS BETWEEN BARTON CREEK AND TOWN LAKE...THERE IS DISPUTE OVER WHO'S JURISDICTION IT WOULD BE UNDER: AUSTIN WATER/WASTEWATER OR LCRA. MORE RESEARCH IS NEEDED IN THIS REGARD. P.A.R.D. WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY FOR ELECTRICITY OR WATER.

10. REMOVAL: IN THE EVENT THE GARDEN IS UNSUCCESSFUL, WE WOULD CONTRACTUALLY AGREE TO:

A. PROVIDE AN INTERESTED PARTY TO TAKE-OVER THE PROJECT. SAID PARTY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL...OR....

B. AGREE TO REMOVE FENCING AND ANY NON-PERMANENT PLANTINGS AND RESTORE TO IT'S ORIGINAL CONDITION (SEEDED WITH BERMUDA GRASS OR WILDFLOWERS).

GIVEN THE FINANCIAL OUTLAY ON OUR PART (25-35K) IT SEEMS INAPPROPRIATE TO REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL BOND, WHEN A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WILL ACCOMPLISH THE

SAME. RESULT.

11. ECONOMICS: IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT EVEN-THOUGH A PORTION OF THE PRODUCE FROM THE GARDENS WILL BE UTILIZED BY THE DINER, IT WOULD COMPRISE ONLY A SMALL FRACTION OF THE TOTAL REQUIREMENTS. IN NO WAY SHOULD THIS BE CONSTRUED AS EVEN A BREAK-EVEN PROPOSTION. THE INTENT IS ONLY TO HELP OFFSET THE OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF THE GARDENS.
12. CLOSING: THIS PROJECT REPRESENTS A WIN-WIN SITUATION FOR EVERYONE. THE CITY INHABITANTS GAIN AN ATTRACTIVE PUBLIC-USE FACILITY WHICH WILL EDUCATE AND ENCOURAGE ORGANIC GARDENING AND COMPOSTING, BUILT AND OPERATED SOLELY WITH PRIVATE MONEY. WE GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO TO BE INVOLVED IN A PROJECT FOR WHICH WE BOTH HAVE A STRONG PERSONAL COMMITMENT, WITH THE CHANCE TO HELP OFFSET EXPENSES THROUGH UTILIZATION OF A PART OF THE GARDEN OUTPUT. P.A.R.D. GETS A BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT ADJACENT TO ZILKER PARK, ON A MAJOR ARTERIAL ROADWAY, AT NO COST TO THE TAXPAYERS.

SINCERELY,

CHRIS SHIRLEY  
MICK VANN

*Mick Vann*

*Chris Shirley*

MAJESTIC DINER, INC.





MAJESTIC DINER, INC.  
1806 BARTON SPRINGS RD.  
AUSTIN, TX 78704

BARTON SPRINGS GARDEN - PROJECT BUDGET, 1990

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST</u>
WATER WELL	\$5,000.00
LIGHTING	3,000.00
DECKS (2) @ \$2,500.00	5,000.00
GREEN HOUSE	1,000.00
STORAGE SHED	500.00
COMPOST BINS	200.00
COMPOST	1,000.00
LEVELING & TILLING	300.00
DRIP IRRIGATION	3,000.00
TREES, SEEDS & PLANTS	2,000.00
FENCING	3,000.00
TOOLS	500.00
GARDEN CARTS	500.00
HAY	500.00
BAT HOUSES	250.00
NARTIN HOUSES	250.00
AQUA CULTURE	600.00
LEGAL	1,000.00
BOND	150.00
PRINTING	500.00
ELECTRICAL FEE	500.00
ELECTRICIAN	500.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$29,750.00</u>

YEARLY MAINTENANCE 21,000.00

EST. YEARLY PRODUCE PRODUCTION \$12,000.

EST. PRODUCE TO CAPITOL AREA

FOOD BANK ..... 4,000.

EST. PRODUCE TO MAJESTIC DINER. 8,000.

INITIAL FIRST YEAR INVESTMENT ..... \$51,350.00  
 LESS EST. YEARLY PRODUCE PRODUCTION .... (8,000.00)  
 FIRST YEAR LOSS ..... (43,350.00)  
 FOLLOWING YR. LOSS ..... (13,600.00)



City of Austin

SALLY SHIPMAN  
MAYOR PRO TEM

FOUNDED BY CONGRESS, REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, 1839

P.O. BOX 1088  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78767  
A/C 512 499-2255

February 12, 1990

David G. Vann  
8902 Marybank Drive  
Austin, Texas 78750

Dear Mr. Vann:

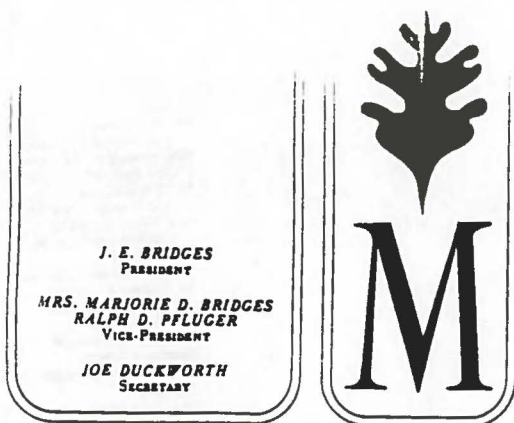
I have received your February 5, 1990 letter regarding the creation of a public-use organic demonstration garden.

What an exciting idea! I am most interested and have sent a copy of your letter to Beverly Griffith, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board. Also, I encourage you to pursue this concept through the Parks and Recreation Department Staff. Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Sally Shipman  
Mayor Pro-Tem





## MARBRIDGE FOUNDATION

February 23, 1990

Mr. Mick Vann  
Majestic Diner  
1806 Barton Springs  
Austin, Texas 78704

Dear Mick:

I received your letter regarding the proposed Barton Springs Organic Demonstration Garden. It sounds like a wonderful project. I'm writing to offer my total support.

Your concept seems to be well thought out and holds the potential for being a showcase of integrated systems of organic gardening. I especially like the idea of locating it in an urban setting where it's so accessible.

Marbridge Foundation Greenhouses can and would like to propagate seedlings for the project. We also offer to assist you in the final design and implementation of the plans. I want to personally offer my time, energy and expertise.

With your background and knowledge in organic gardening, the project has the capability of setting a community standard for quality. You are to be commended for taking the initiative with the city on this; it will be an enormous contribution. Please let me know when we can begin.

Sincerely,

Chris Winslow  
Marbridge Foundation Board of Directors  
Director of Marbridge Greenhouse Program

CW/ml







**CAPITAL AREA  
FOOD BANK**

P.O. Box 18311  
Austin, Texas 78760  
(512) 448-2111

Member  
Second Harvest  
National Food Bank  
Network

March 7, 1989

Mick Vann & Chris Shirley  
The Majestic Diner  
1806 Barton Springs  
Austin, Tx. 78704

Mick Vann:

Capital Area Food Bank is excited about your plans for an organic garden and your interest in donating one-third of the production to us.

We distribute 35,000 to 45,000 lbs of food products weekly to over 130 non-profit agencies who in turn help to feed over 290,000 families a year.

With the addition of your donated produce, many families will be able to have fresh vegetables on their menu. Fresh produce is ideal because it needs no preparation, therefore allowing people with no cooking facilities to benefit from it's nutritional content.

Again, we are looking forward to a relationship which will both benefit you, and the less fortunate of the area.

Sincerely,

Patty Love  
Food Industry Liaison



*Bat Conservation International, Inc.*  
Post Office Box 162603 • Austin, Texas 78716 • 512/327-9721

Dear Mick-

Let me know if I  
can provide you with  
additional information.

Thanks for including  
bats in your project!

Pat

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Pat Morton





April 9, 1990

Mick Vann/The Majestic Diner  
1804 Barton Springs  
Austin, Texas 78704

To whom it may concern:

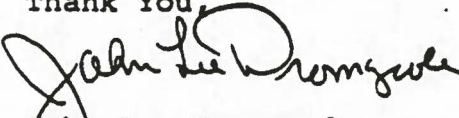
I have reviewed Mick Vann's proposal that the city and 'The Majestic Diner' go into a joint venture on public park land. The design of this proposed garden includes all of the basic concepts that an environmentally aware community might practice.

The use of native plants needs to be seen in public areas as much as possible. The practice of organic gardening needs to be demonstrated in order that home owners will understand that they, too, can successfully move away from the toxic chemicals that pollute Town Lake. Visitors and citizens of Austin will be able to see how easy it is to work with Nature, not against her. The diverse plant material that offer beauty and attract birds and butterflies, will serve as an educational tool for all visitors. Even non-visitors benefit since the Capital Area Food Bank will be receiving fresh vegetables to, in turn, distribute to the less fortunate.

Water conservation is on everyone's mind these days, and the design incorporated into this venture will illustrate the use of drip irrigation and mulching to its finest. These irrigation and gardening techniques can offer Austinites at least a fifty per cent reduction in water use.

As we know, this is still a pristine part of our city. The Botanical Society is planning a major arboretum nearby at Zilker Park that when finished, will complement the area planned for development by Mick Vann. This will be a major educational and recreational area for all visitors. I support this project completely and without reservations.

Thank You,

  
John Lee Dromgoole  
Garden-Ville of Austin

# Austin Independent School District

Division of Elementary Education



April 2, 1990

Mr. Mick Vann  
Majestic Diner  
1806 Barton Springs Road  
Austin, Texas 78704

Dear Mr. Vann:

Thank you for providing me with the packet of information about the proposed gardens. I read through the packet this afternoon. It is indeed an ambitious and worthwhile undertaking.

You might want to meet with our elementary science coordinator (Leslie Cohen) and teacher/manager of our science materials center (Lynda Pate) to discuss your plans for developing the two acres of park land. The secondary science coordinator (Kenn Heydrick) might also be included in this meeting as the project has implications for middle school/high school students as well.

It sounds like the gardens would be a good destination for study trips. Students could have important concepts reinforced.

I will have Leslie or Lynda call to set up a meeting with you.

Yours truly,

Timy Baranoff  
Director of Elementary Curriculum

TB/lr



AYH.

MOTION: Passed

PARD Meets w/ AYH to  
mutually  
decide on acceptable name  
by June meeting



- Community support  
- acceptable name

# MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: May 11, 1990

SUBJECT: Proposal to Name Parkland

Post name change  
Solicit public comments

At the February 27, 1990 Parks Board, Mr. Charles Gandy, representing the Austin Youth Hostel on Town Lake, requested that the parkland surrounding the hostel be renamed the Austin International Peace Park to commemorate world peace and the dramatic events of the past year. The area proposed for renaming is on the south shore of Town Lake, in the vicinity of Longhorn Dam. I requested Mr. Gandy demonstrate community support for the renaming. I have attached correspondence and a petition for the name.

ast.  
Heps.

I fully support the idea of commemorating world peace by some appropriate action since the hostel is a haven for international travelers and is a microcosm of international cooperation. Nonetheless, all parkland adjoining Town Lake was officially named "Town Lake Park" by the City Council and I recommend no change in that name.

In order to accommodate the spirit of Mr. Gandy's suggest, I recommend an alternate approach. The City of Austin Street and Facility Naming Policy, adopted by ordinance, recommends that features within a park, such as buildings, be dedicated to a person or theme without naming or renaming the park. A facility may be named or a plaque installed to recognize a person or theme. For example, the adaptive programs recreation center in Zilker Park is named the Danny G. McBeth Recreation Center and a field at Krieg Field is named for Tina Marie Johnson.

## RECOMMENDATION

I recommend naming the youth hostel building the Austin International Peace Youth Hostel.

Please advise me if you require additional information.

Manuel A. Mollinedo

Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

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Austin Inter. Youth Hostel

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# AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS

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May 4, 1990

Mr. Manuel Mollinedo  
Director  
City of Austin  
Parks and Rec. Dept.  
1500 West Riverside  
Austin, Tx 78704

Dear Mr. Mollinedo:

I am happy to report from our meeting with Stewart Strong today complete community support for the name change proposed for Sailaway Park and Kasuba Beach on Town Lake. The new name, Austin International Peace Park is endorsed by all property owners and managers in this neighborhood along with American Youth Hostels and the Austin-Adelaide Sister City Committee.

Please let this letter serve as our official request for your support of this name change. We feel the change will be positive for the community and will highlight Austin's recognition of and support for peace throughout the world.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 477-5588. Our local address is 2200 South Lakeshore Blvd., Austin, Tx 78741.

Sincerely,

  
Charles Gandy  
National Board Member

Encl.

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PARKS AND RECREATION  
CITY OF AUSTIN



Whereas Austin, Texas is linked economically,  
politically and philisophically with the rest  
of the world,

Whereas peace throughout the world is vital to  
all Austinites' quality of life experience,

Whereas Austin currently has no symbol of  
recognition for the high value placed on peace  
and freedom both at home and abroad,

Resolved that the City of Austin officially  
designate the park area on Town Lake, currently  
known as Sailaway Park and Kasuba Beach, as the  
Austin International Peace Park.

Signed:

*Chh. Condy*  
American Youth Hostels  
National Board member

*Bd of Directors*  
S.W. TX. COUNCIL  
American Youth Hostels

*[Signature]*  
RIVERPARK APTS.

*Austin - Adelaide Sister City Com.*  
*Rick Maatex - River Crest Apts*

*Lisa A. Jones - 1218 Lake Shore South*  
*Lakeshore Apts. - Robin Kirby*

*Melody Hayes - Estrada Apts.*

*[Signature]* - WINDHAMMER APTS.  
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: May 4, 1990

SUBJECT: Repair of 250' of treated timber bulkhead,  
at 4004 Harborlight Cove.  
File # SP-90-0072DS (Update 1)

A request has been received from Signor Enterprises, on behalf of Don Reynolds, to repair approximately 250' of treated timber bulkhead at 4004 Harborlight Cove.

Attached are details of the project and the review comments from the Parks and Recreation Department staff.

Section 13-2-792 of the Land Development Code prohibits the use of treated timber retaining walls/ bulkheads immersed in the water. This request is for repair of an existing Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) treated timber bulkhead by constructing a new bulkhead from CCA treated timber in front of the one that is failing.

The total length of the repair, 250', represents approximately 69% of the total length of the bulkhead along the shoreline of this property. This would appear to be substantial reconstruction rather than repair.

The site plans have not been approved by the Planning and Development Department, as they do not meet the requirements of Part E of the Land Development Code.

**Recommendation**

I recommend refusal of the request to repair 250' of treated timber bulkhead at 4004 Harborlight Cove as it does not meet the requirements of the City's Land Development Code.

Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

MM:PM



SIGNOR ENTERPRISES. INC.

26 April 1990

TO: Director, Parks and Recreation Dept.

FROM: Rusty Signor, Signor Enterprises

We are requesting a hearing on the following projects per your instructions during the meeting 24 April, 1990.

1. Strong residence: 2201 Island Wood Road.  
Lot 3, Block A, Wood Island
2. Skrudland Residence: 4103 Shimmering Cove  
Lot 14, Waters Edge Section II-A
3. Reynolds residence: 4000 Harborlight Cove  
Lot 12, Waters Edge Section II-A
4. Formby residence: 4004 Harborlight Cove  
Lot 11, Waters Edge Section II-A

Thank you for your consideration,



Rusty Signor

**PARD**

TO: **COMMENT DUE DATE: 3-MAY-1990**  
 FROM: **SITE PLAN REVIEW DIVISION/PLANNING DEPT**  
 SUBJECT: **DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ONLY** **SP-90-0072DS**  
**UPDATE #1**

**PROJECT: BULKHEAD REPAIR**

**4004 HARBORLIGHT COVE**

**CASE MANAGER: OSKOUIPOUR, JAVAD 499-2639**

**APPLICATION DATE: 25-APR-1990**

**ZIP: FULL PURPOSE**  
**WATERSHED: Lake Austin RURAL WATER SUPPLY**

**OWNER: REYNOLDS, DON ( ) -**  
**4004 HARBORLIGHT COVE AUSTIN, TX**  
**CONTACT: DON**  
**AGENT: SIGNOR ENTERPRISES INC (512)327-6064**  
**5524 WEST BEE CAVES ROAD STE K-5 AUSTIN, TX 78746**  
**CONTACT: RUSTY**

**SITE PLAN AREA: 0.000 ACRES ( 0 SQ FT)**  
**UTILITY OR STORM SEWER LENGTH: 0 LINEAR FEET**

**EXISTING ZONING:**  
**EXISTING USE:**

**TRACT ACRES/SQ FT PROPOSED USE**

**RELATED CASE NUMBERS (IF ANY):**  
**CA-90-0108W**

**OTHER PROVISIONS:**  
**QUALIFIES AS A SMALL PROJECT**  
**TIA IS NOT REQUIRED**  
**FEE RECEIPT #: 281042**

**SUBD NAME: WATERS EDGE**  
**BLOCK/LOT: BLOCK II A, LOT 11**  
**PLAT BOOK/PAGE: BOOK 84, PAGE 64-C**

**VARIANCES/WAIVERS, BONUSES:**

**\*\* REVIEWERS - PLEASE USE NEW COMMENTS TRACKING SYSTEM \*\***



REVIEW COMMENTS

TO: SITE PLAN PROCESSING CASE MANAGER: Oskouipour, Javad  
FROM: FILE NUM: SP-90-0072DS  
PROJECT NAME: BULKHEAD REPAIR  
LOCATION: 4004 HARBORLIGHT COVE  
DUE DATE: 16-APR-1990  
REVIEWER: MARSH, PETER

DATE: 17-APR-1990

PD 1. Section 13-2-792 of the City Code prohibits the use of treated timber for retaining walls within the water. Natural decay resistant timber, concrete, stone, steel etc. are permitted alternatives.

PD 2. Document SP3 - Site Plan Checklist requires:

1. The length of the new construction to be indicated, the length of new bulkhead or the areas of bulkhead to be replaced have not been shown on the plan.
2. Details of construction, what are the deadmen made of? what materials are the cables made from? how are they secured/
3. An approval box for the Parks and Recreation Board, this is not included.

PD 3. Document SP3 - Submittal Requirement #1, requires a letter of request to the Director PARD to be considered by the Parks and Recreation Board, this letter was not included with the site plan drawings forwarded for review.

REVIEW COMMENTS

TO: SITE PLAN PROCESSING CASE MANAGER: Oskouipour, Javad  
FROM: FILE NUM: SP-90-0072DS  
PROJECT NAME: BULKHEAD REPAIR  
LOCATION: 4004 HARBORLIGHT COVE  
DUE DATE: 3-MAY-1990  
REVIEWER: MARSH, PETER

DATE: 1-MAY-1990

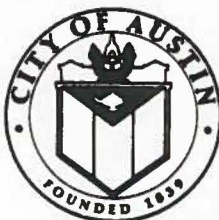
PD 1. Section 13-2-792 of the Code prohibits the use of treated timbers as retaining walls immersed in the water.

PD 2. The total length of proposed repair, 250' represents approximately 69% of the total length of bulkhead. This would appear to be a major replacement rather than a repair.

PD 3. Other items requested in the original comments have been addressed.

PD 4. Nine additional copies of the siteplans are required for presentation to the Parks and recreation Board.





MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: May 5, 1990

SUBJECT: Repair of 220' of treated timber bulkhead,  
at 4005 Harborlight Cove.  
File # SP-90-0071DS (Update 1)

A request has been received from Signor Enterprises, on behalf of William Formby, to repair approximately 220' of treated timber bulkhead at 4005 Harborlight Cove.

Attached are details of the project and the review comments from the Parks and Recreation Department staff.

Section 13-2-792 of the Land Development Code prohibits the use of treated timber retaining walls/ bulkheads immersed in the water. This request is for repair of an existing Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) treated timber bulkhead by constructing a new bulkhead from CCA treated timber in front of the one that is failing.

The total length of the repair, 220', represents approximately 68% of the total length of the bulkhead along the shoreline of this property. This would appear to be substantial reconstruction rather than repair.

The site plans have not been approved by the Planning and Development Department, as they do not meet the requirements of Part E of the Land Development Code.

Recommendation

I recommend refusal of the request to repair 220' of treated timber bulkhead at 4005 Harborlight Cove as it does not meet the requirements of the City's Land Development Code.

*Manuel A. Mollinedo*

Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

MM:PM

SIGNOR ENTERPRISES, INC.

4 April, 1990

TO: Director, Parks and Recreation Department

FROM: Signor Enterprises, Inc.

SUBJECT: Bulkhead repair for Formby residence.

We are requesting approval for repair and reinforcement of the existing bulkheading at 4005 Harborlight Cove, Lot 10, Water's Edge.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rusty Signor".

Rusty Signor

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TO: **PARD** COMMENT DUE DATE: 3-MAY-1990  
 FROM: SITE PLAN REVIEW DIVISION/PLANNING DEPT  
 SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ONLY SP-90-0071DS  
 UPDATE #1

PROJECT: FORMBY BOATDOCK BULKHEAD REPAIR

4005 HARBORLIGHT COVE

CASE MANAGER: OSKOUIPOUR, JAVAD 499-2639

APPLICATION DATE: 25-APR-1990

ZIP: 78731 FULL PURPOSE

WATERSHED: Lake Austin RURAL WATER SUPPLY

OWNER: FORMBY, WILLILAM ( ) -  
 4005 HARBORLIGHT COVE AUSTIN, TX

CONTACT: BILL FORMBY

AGENT: SIGNOR ENTERPRISES INC (512)327-6064

5524 WEST BEE CAVES ROAD STE K-5 AUSTIN, TX 78746

CONTACT: RUSTY SIGNOR

SITE PLAN AREA: 0.000 ACRES ( 0 SQ FT)

UTILITY OR STORM SEWER LENGTH: 0 LINEAR FEET

EXISTING ZONING: SF

EXISTING USE:

TRACT	ACRES/SQ FT	PROPOSED USE
0.000/	0	BULKHEAD REPAIR

RELATED CASE NUMBERS (IF ANY):

CA-90-0107W

OTHER PROVISIONS:

QUALIFIES AS A SMALL PROJECT

TIA IS NOT REQUIRED

FEE RECEIPT #: 281041

SUBD NAME: WATER'S EDGE

BLOCK/LOT: BLOCK II-A, LOT 10

PLAT BOOK/PAGE: 84 PAGE 64-C

VARIANCES/WAIVERS, BONUSES:

\*\* REVIEWERS - PLEASE USE NEW COMMENTS TRACKING SYSTEM \*\*

REVIEW COMMENTS

TO: SITE PLAN PROCESSING CASE MANAGER: Oskouipour, Javad  
FROM: FILE NUM: SP-90-0071DS  
PROJECT NAME: FORMBY BOATDOCK BULKHEAD REPAIR  
LOCATION: 4005 HARBORLIGHT COVE  
DUE DATE: 16-APR-1990  
REVIEWER: MARSH, PETER

DATE: 17-APR-1990

PD 1. Section 13-2-792 of the City Code prohibits the use of treated timber for retaining walls within the water. Natural decay resistant timber, concrete, stone, steel etc. are pemitted alternatives.

PD 2. Document SP3 - Site Plan Checklist requires:

1. The length of new construction to be indicated, the length of new bulkhead or the areas of bulkhead to be replaced have not ben shown on the plan.
2. Details of construction, what are the deadmen made of? what material are the cables made from? how are they secured?
3. An approval box for the Parks and Recreation Board, this is not included.

PD 3. Document SP3 - Submittal Requirement #1, requires a letter of request to the Director PARD to be considred by the Parks and Recreation Board, This lettr was not includeds with the site plan drawings forwarded for review.



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FROM: FILE NUM: SP-90-0071DS  
PROJECT NAME: FORMBY BOATDOCK BULKHEAD REPAIR  
LOCATION: 4005 HARBORLIGHT COVE  
DUE DATE: 3-MAY-1990  
REVIEWER: MARSH, PETER

DATE: 1-MAY-1990

PD 1. Section 13-2-792 of the City Code prohibits the use of treated timber for retaining walls immersed in the water.

PD 2. The total length of the proposed repair, 220', represents approximately 68% of the total length of the bulkhead. This would appear to be a major replacement, rather than a repair.

PD 3. All other items addressed in the original comments have been addressed.

PD 4. Nine additional copies of the siteplans are required for presentation to the Parks and Recreation Board.



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Board Members

**FROM:** Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

**DATE:** May 11, 1990

**SUBJECT:** South Austin Little League Field Modifications

South Austin Little League operates the ballfields on Butler Shores, to the west of the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office. All improvements to the Little League fields are required to be approved by the Parks and Recreation Board and the Parks and Recreation Department, before construction.

In late March, PARD staff noticed construction work being carried out in the area of Preston Field, which is the South Austin Little League Field by the confluence of Barton Creek and Town Lake. Two projects had been undertaken by the Little League: 1. Moving the fence on Preston Field back, closer to the edge of the bluff above the Hike and Bike Trail, and 2. Grading, fencing, and erecting bleachers on concrete slabs at a formerly unfenced area to the south of Preston Field. (Attachment A) No approval for those improvements had been secured, nor had any Site Development Permits been obtained from the City Planning and Development Department. (Attachment B)

Procedural questions aside, the relocated fence at Preston Field interferes with the alignment of the proposed Town Lake Bicycle Trail. There are other problems with the addition of another fenced ballfield to the area. The Town Lake Comprehensive Plan does not envision the development of any new fenced ballfields in Town Lake Park, outside of Krieg Fields. In fact, in most areas, fenced ballfields are recommended to be converted to open playfields, in order to allow more public access to the sites, and a wider variety of uses. The Town Lake Park Ordinance requires that established ballfields in Town Lake Park "be relocated only after replacement locations have been developed in compliance with the Town Lake Park Plan" (Sec. 10-4-54). If this newly developed ballfield is considered an established ballfield under the terms of the Town Lake Park Ordinance, the Ordinance would require the development of another ballfield outside the Town Lake Corridor, before the newly developed field could be removed.



The normal review process for such an improvement would have been application for a Site Development Permit and review of that application by the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Board. An amendment to the Town Lake Park Ordinance would also likely be required, in order to add an additional fenced ballfield to Town Lake Park. Such an amendment requires the approval of the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board, the Parks and Recreation Board, the Planning Commission and the City Council, with public hearings held before each body. The Waterfront Planning Advisory Board considered the field modifications at their May 9 meeting and their action is attached. (Attachment C)

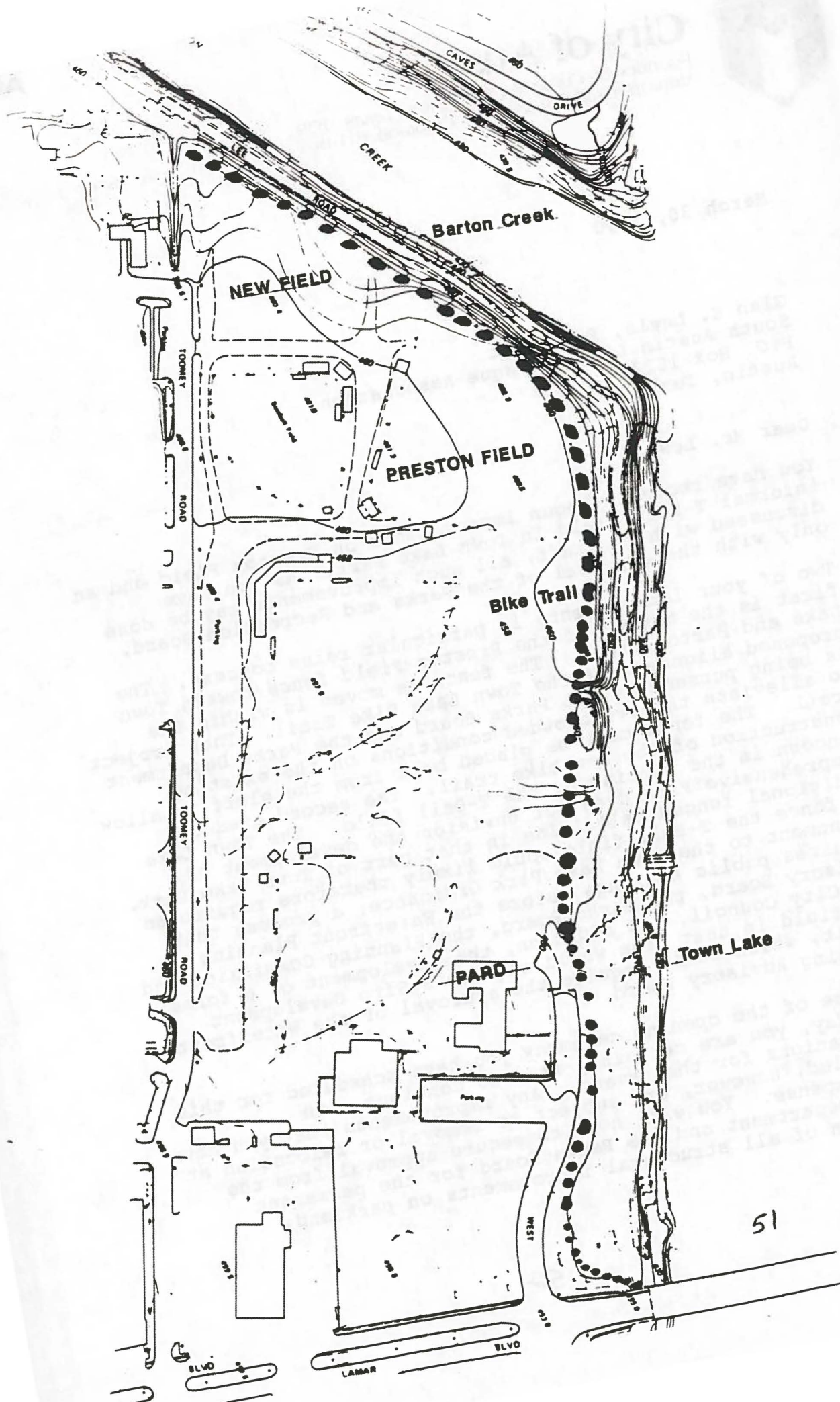
**Staff Recommendation:**

PARD staff recommends that the newly developed field not be designated as a ballfield for the purposes of the Town Lake Park Ordinance, in order that its replacement not be required under the terms of that ordinance. Further, it is recommended that both the new field and the relocated fence be subject to removal at the expense of the South Austin Little League, when required by the Parks and Recreation Department.



Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

MM:CK







# City of Austin

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Municipal Building, Eighth at Colorado, P.O. Box 1088, Austin, Texas 78767 Telephone 512-496-2000

March 30, 1990

Glen E. Lewis, President  
South Austin Little League Association  
P.O. Box 1822  
Austin, Texas 78767

Dear Mr. Lewis;

You have recently begun improvements on Preston Field and an informal T-Ball field in Town Lake Park. As you have discussed with my staff, all such improvements may be done only with the approval of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Two of your improvements in particular raise concern. The first is the moving of the Preston Field fence toward Town Lake and Barton Creek. The fence as moved is within the proposed alignment of the Town Lake Bike Trail. That project is being pursued by the Parks Board and the Parks Department to alleviate the overcrowded conditions on the existing trail. The fence must be placed back from the bluff to allow construction of the new bike trail. The second area of concern is the fencing of the T-Ball field. The Town Lake Comprehensive Plan does not envision the development of additional fenced ballfields in that part of Town Lake Park. To fence the T-Ball field would likely therefore require an amendment to the Town Lake Park Ordinance; a process that requires public hearings before the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board, the Parks Board, the Planning Commission and the City Council. In addition, the development of a formal ballfield in that area would require a Site Development Permit, which would require the approval of the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board.

Because of the opening ceremony you have scheduled for this Saturday, you are certainly free to continue with preparations for that event. Any improvements that you have installed, however, are subject to removal or relocation at your expense. You will need to secure approval from the Parks Department and the Parks Board for the permanent location of all structural improvements on parkland.

Glen E. Lewis  
Little League Fields  
March 30, 1990  
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Contact Stuart Strong of the PARD Planning and Design Section  
at 499-6766 for an explanation of the approval process.

Prenis Williams, Acting Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

PW:CK



## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

FROM: Jonathan Markley, Chair  
Waterfront Planning Advisory Board

DATE: May 11, 1990

SUBJECT: South Austin Little League Field Modifications

At our May 9, 1990 meeting the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

The field modifications done by the South Austin Little League in the area of Preston Field were done illegally, and without appropriate permits or approvals from the appropriate City Departments and Boards. In addition, the field modifications as installed are in direct conflict with other plans for that area: in particular, the Town Lake Bicycle Trail and the Town Lake Park Ordinance.

The Town Lake Comprehensive Plan, which governs that area, was a hard-won compromise between the thousands of Austin citizens that were involved in the planning of Town Lake Park, and has been adopted as a City of Austin Ordinance by the City Council. It is crucial that the various private groups operating in Town Lake Park be mindful of the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan, and develop their facilities accordingly, with appropriate public oversight.

The Waterfront Planning Advisory Board recommends that the field modifications not be considered a developed ballfield, but be subject to removal at the discretion of the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department. Further, the Board recommends that the South Austin Little League either remove the field modifications immediately, or post a letter of credit to cover their removal at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 482-5407.

  
Jonathan Markley, Chair  
Waterfront Planning Advisory Board





## PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

# REPORT

May, 1990

### PLANNING AND DESIGN

#### Parque Zaragoza

Parque Zaragoza is in a mess. The old playscape has been torn out, the sand is piled up in the middle of the park, there are big earth moving machines everywhere, and unfortunately, some of the large trees along the creek are being felled. What's going on?

The park is in the initial stages of major changes. Most of the work currently being completed is the result of the Corps of Engineers Boggy Creek Channelization project. Widening, deepening, and straightening the creek will result in containment of the 100 year flood flow.

This project affects the existing playscape and includes funds to replace the playground with up-to-date equipment. A few weeks ago the Parque Zaragoza Board chose their playground equipment and made a commitment to also purchase a few pieces themselves.

On May 10, the Parque Zaragoza Board met with design staff and final decisions on the park's master plan were made. The funding comes from a transfer of \$119,000 in CIP monies from Walsh Boat Landing and Steck Valley Park by the City Council. The construction priorities are: 1) playscape, 2) covered stage with restroom, 3) basketball court, 4) volleyball court, 5) removal of parking and asphalt road, and 6) picnic facilities.

The design staff in the next few weeks will be preparing construction documents and speaking to Public Works about required architectural services. The park may be a mess now, but it will be a whole new place next year!

#### Reclaiming Parkland

For years, the parkland across from the YMCA, between Williams Field and the West Austin Youth Association field with the green fence, has been used for informal parking. Construction has started on a project to reclaim that area as parkland. CIP construction

catalogue listing  
participating artists and  
photographs of their work will  
serve as guidebook and  
admission to the tour.

#### Dougherty Arts Center

The Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau has selected Elisabet Ney's best known sculptures of Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin to feature on the Sixth Street Banners. These sculptures now stand in both the state capitol and in National Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C. The banners will be displayed throughout the months of May, June, and July.

Elisabet Ney's arrival in Austin marked "a new era in the development of the state," according to her friend and first biographer Bride Neill Taylor. During her career in Austin, Ney not only produced the state's first outstanding sculptural works, but also worked with organizations such as the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs to bring art to the people. The Elisabet Ney Museum and the Texas Fine Arts Association are two lasting legacies of her activities.

The Mayor, Council Members, along with the Executive Directors of the State Tourism Boards were invited to join the Parks and Recreation Director at the dedication of the banners on Thursday, May 17 at the Driskill Hotel.

You are always invited to visit the Elisabet Ney Museum, 304 East 44th Street, during the hours of operation Wednesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., Sunday 12 noon -5:00 p.m. To arrange tours of ten or more, call 458-2225.

#### New Grants

The Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce the awarding of four grants to the Austin Nature Center and Pioneer Farm from the Natural Science Guild. The total amount awarded to the Department for the Fiscal Year 1990-91 is \$19,816. The grants are to be used as follows:

- \* To fund the construction of historically accurate clothing and accessories to assist with the interpretation of the programs of Pioneer Farm.
- \* To fund the production and publishing of an in-depth guidebook for visitors at the Pioneer Farm.
- \* To fund construction materials to be used for exhibit development for the mounting of bird paintings at the Nature Center.
- \* To assist in the development of a weekend volunteer program that will allow the Nature Center to provide interpretive programs on weekends.

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The Guild raises funds through special events such as the recently held Safari weekend in which approximately 40,000 people participated in environmental education programs. Safari is co-sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Guild, with the help of 2,000 volunteers. This year's celebration was part of the city-wide Earth Day celebration. It is estimated that Safari raised over \$60,000 dedicated to the Nature Center and Pioneer Farm.

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS DIVISION**

##### **"Who is Sami?"**

Who is the person behind two of the most popular and best attended shows at Palmer Auditorium and the City Coliseum? The answer is Sammie Dwyer! For more than 15 years, Sammie and her family have been promoting shows in the Auditorium and Coliseum. Sammie first got started by selling plants in the Artists Harvest Art Show in 1975. It was then that she decided to rent the auditorium and promote her own show. Two weeks later, she hosted her first show which was a plant sale. It was very successful and she went on to do three more shows that year, which incidentally is the fewest number of shows she has ever done in one year.

The Plant Sale gradually grew into an Arts and Crafts Show and has a very loyal following. In 1976, Sammie had the idea of bringing families together for a big garage sale. The idea was to save time, money and gasoline by having everything all in one place. Sammie said that at first the City Wide Garage Sale was slow to catch on, but gradually more and more people began to buy and sell their unwanted items. Now more than 100,000 people attend her shows every year.

Sammie's business, the Plants & Crafts Exposition Company, has been a family company from day one. "Austin is a real fertile ground for entrepreneurs. I don't know exactly what it is about Austin that makes it so, but...it is a wonderful place to be," Sammie said. Sammie currently promotes 24 shows per year.

##### **Calendar of Events**

There are 43 events scheduled for May and June at Palmer Auditorium and the City Coliseum. Below are listed a few of the upcoming events you might be most interested in:

May 21-24: Austin Community College Registration.

May 23: Second Annual Area Opportunity Fair. Promoted by the Austin Mayor's Committee for Disabled Persons, Inc.

May 25-28: City of Austin Run-off election. Managed by the Public Information Office.

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### Labor Intensive

It's not a very glamorous event to put on, but it makes for an intense day on the job. On April 18th 1,340 nursing candidates from all over the great state of Texas came to Palmer Auditorium to take their certification exams. Sixteen Special Events staff members set up, managed, then took down 687 tables and 1,380 chairs that day. A total of 171.25 staff hours were dedicated to bringing this event to a satisfactory conclusion. The event coordinator's note closing the event reads, "No problems, lessee happy." Good work, team!

### **PROGRAMS DIVISION**

#### 1990 Summer Playground Program "The World Around Us"

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department's 62nd Summer Playground Program operates from June 7 - August 3 at 26 sites throughout the City. The program operates Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., except at 4 sites where the time is 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. It is designed as a free program for youth 6-12. Children are free to come and go throughout the day. Playgrounds provide structured as well as unstructured activities under the supervision of trained leaders. Activities will focus on the environment as well as sports, games, arts and crafts, music, occasional field trips, and special events.

### Recreation Centers "Summer Day Camps"

The Summer Day Camps will begin June 4 and continue through mid-August. Camps will be held at each of the fourteen recreation centers and the West Austin Youth Association. Camps are designed for preschoolers (3-5) and adolescents (6-12). Each camp is staffed with trained personnel to teach crafts, sports, nature, and games. In addition, campers will be taking field trips and attend neighborhood swimming pools for water activities. While camps provide program instruction, the emphasis will be on enhancing self-esteem in our young people.

### Aquatics News

The Aquatics Office currently has 5 pools open: Stacy(10-7), Deep Eddy(12-7), Northwest(12-7), Garrison(12-7) and Walnut Creek(12-7). Mabel Davis and Bartholomew pools open on May 19. All of the remaining pools will open on June 2, 1990.

Learn to Swim Program: The Learn to Swim program kicks off with its spring session starting May 15. Throughout the summer there will be 5 sessions starting with Summer I, June 5-15 and ending with Summer V, July 31-August 10.

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### Senior May Fair

In honor of National Older Americans Month in May, the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department's Senior Programs and the Forum at Westlake Hills will host Senior May Fair: A Celebration of Senior Services. This exciting and informative event will take place on Wednesday, May 30, at Palmer Auditorium, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Businesses and organizations, both for-profit and non-profit, will exhibit together with the goal of informing the Senior community about their options in housing, transportation, health care, and financial assistance. Exhibitors will also feature products and services that are designed to entertain, educate, assist or improve an older adult's health and/or lifestyle in any way.

Come be a part of Senior May Fair. For more information contact Anita Davis at 480-3010.

### 1990 Juneteenth Celebration

The 15th Annual Juneteenth Celebration will be held Tuesday, June 19, 1990, 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. at the Rosewood Park, 2300 Rosewood Avenue. The Festival will consist of a Parade starting at 10:00 a.m., at 12 Noon an official program, a continuous schedule of live bands, children programming, gospel music, arts and crafts,

games, information booths and much more. As always, the Festival will close with its very popular fireworks display.

### National Junior Tennis League

USTA/NJTL is a public recreational tennis instruction program for boys and girls, ages 6 - 16. The goal of the program is to provide an opportunity for participants to learn and enjoy the sport while emphasizing team spirit and sportsmanship.

USTA/NJTL is held in 20 neighborhood parks and funded through user fees and business and individual donations. The program begins June 4 and ends July 18 with the City Championships and a picnic for all participants at Pharr Tennis Center.

### Junior Golf Program

The Austin Junior Golf Program offers summer-long golf activities for junior golfers beginning June 11 with the Junior Golf Academy. The Academy, held at Jimmy Clay Golf Course, is taught by the golf professionals at the City of Austin golf courses. The program consists of five days of instruction covering all aspects of the game. Four sessions are available. With low student to teacher ratios of no more than 6:1, the participants not only are taught the basics of how to play but also are instructed in rules, etiquette and care of the course. Also

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available is an all-day advanced program for the avid junior. This low cost program (\$30) compares favorably with programs costing hundreds of dollars. Participation in the Academy also includes entry into the City Junior Championship. The program serves 300 junior golfers. The Golf Advisory Board and local golf associations are providing scholarships to 15 needy youngsters to participate in the academy and to play golf during the summer.

Throughout the rest of the summer, junior golfers can participate in the Austin Junior Tour. Seven golf tournaments with age groups for all levels are held on Austin municipal golf courses. The George Hannon Scoring Average trophy is awarded to the lowest scoring average in each age group for both boys and girls.

#### Softball

We are currently in our summer softball season with over 520 teams participating. The league plays Sunday through Thursday at 15 fields around town. A short 6 game season will begin June 4, 1990. For more information call 480-3015.

#### Summer Youth Track Program

The Athletics' division annual summer youth track and field programs will kick off Thursday, June 7, 1990 with a practice meet. Qualifying meets will follow on the next two Thursdays. The Hershey

Track Program qualifier will be June 14, 1990. Winners will qualify for the State meet July 14, 1990.

The Regional Texas Amateur Athletic Federation qualifier will be June 21, 1990 to send participants to the TAAF state meet in Carrollton, TX, August 3-4, 1990.

The three Thursday track meets will start at 5:00 p.m. at Westlake High School. For more information call Mark Lord at 480-3015.

#### Senior Activity Center

The Senior Activity Center at 29th and Lamar has been selected by the National Council on Aging as one of 10 Senior Center Pilot project test sites - 5 urban centers and 5 rural centers were selected nationally.

The project involves the assessment of recently developed National Standards for Senior Centers. The selection recognizes Austin's Senior Center as a national role model and allows this center's direct input into the development and implementation of these national standards.

#### Games Night

Conley-Guerrero Senior Center Advisory Board is sponsoring a fund raising activity - "Royale Games Night" on June 22, 1990 from 7-10 p.m. with tickets costing \$8.00. The funds generated will go toward the purchase of a van for the center. The board is very close to reaching the goal needed for the van.

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## **PARK POLICE**

### New Boat Expands Park Police Versatility

The recent purchase of a 19 ft lightweight patrol boat has greatly enhanced Park Police ability to patrol the shallow areas of Austin's waterways. Recent trials on Town Lake and Barton Springs Pool have demonstrated the ability of the new patrol boat to operate efficiently in water depths of less than one foot, as well as to provide a very stable working platform. In addition to patrols on Town lake, this boat will be used to patrol on Lake Walter E. Long.

### Park Police Officer Develops "Happy Trails" Flyer

Officer Debbie Davis noticed as she walked the Town Lake hike and bike trails, that the patrons continued to ask her the same questions. After she noticed that there was no single document containing the necessary information...she decided to do something about it. Thus the "Happy Trails" Flyer was born.

Beginning the latter part of May, the Park Police officers will begin placing this flyer, which contains information on jogging trails, trail mileages, trail etiquette, dog leash and park curfews, on car windshields in the parking lots adjacent to the hike and bike trails.

## Goodby to Special Events Division

### June Events

June 1-2: Austin Contemporary Ballet, Zilker Hillside Theater

June 8: Austin Symphonic Band, Zilker Hillside Theater

June 9: Fajita Cook Off, Auditorium Shores

June 16: Blue Grass Festival, Zilker Hillside Theater

June 17: Father's Day Festival, Fiesta Gardens

June 19: Juneteenth at Rosewood Park.

June 24: Water Ski Tournament, Town Lake, Capital Water Ski Club.

June 28: Concert, Auditorium Shores, Bullet Productions.

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